



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 337

LCO No. 1745

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SILVER ALERT SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-1f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) The clearinghouse established under section 29-1e shall collect,
4 process, maintain and disseminate information to assist in the location
5 of any missing person who (1) is eighteen years of age or older and has
6 a mental impairment, or (2) is sixty-five years of age or older, provided
7 a missing person report prepared by the Department of Emergency
8 Services and Public Protection has been filed by such missing person's
9 relative, guardian, conservator or attorney-in-fact appointed by the
10 missing person in accordance with chapter 7, any health care
11 representative appointed by the missing person in accordance with
12 section 19a-576 or a nursing home administrator, as defined in section
13 19a-511, or, pursuant to section 2 of this act, by an employee of the
14 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services who is certified
15 under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive. Such
16 relative, guardian, conservator, attorney-in-fact, health care

17 representative, [or] nursing home administrator or employee shall
18 attest under penalty of perjury that the missing person (A) is eighteen
19 years of age or older and has a mental impairment, or (B) is sixty-five
20 years of age or older. No other proof shall be required in order to
21 verify that the missing person meets the criteria to be eligible for
22 assistance under this subsection. Such relative, guardian, conservator,
23 attorney-in-fact, health care representative, [or] nursing home
24 administrator or employee who files a missing person report shall
25 immediately notify the clearinghouse or law enforcement agency if the
26 missing person's location has been determined.

27 (b) Subject to available resources, the clearinghouse established by
28 section 29-1e may collect, process, maintain and disseminate
29 information to assist in the location of missing persons other than
30 children and those persons who are eligible for assistance under
31 subsection (a) of this section.

32 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) A relative, guardian or
33 conservator of a person who is receiving inpatient services at a facility
34 of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and is
35 missing from such facility may request the Commissioner of Mental
36 Health and Addiction Services to file a missing person report with the
37 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for purposes
38 of receiving assistance in locating such person under subsection (a) of
39 section 29-1f of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
40 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 52-146c and 52-146e of the
41 general statutes, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
42 Services may authorize an employee of the department who is certified
43 under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, to file a
44 missing person report with the Department of Emergency Services and
45 Public Protection under subsection (a) of section 29-1f of the general
46 statutes, as amended by this act, with respect to such person. Such
47 report shall disclose only the minimal amount of information
48 concerning such person as is necessary for purposes of the assistance
49 provided under subsection (a) of section 29-1f of the general statutes,

50 as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	29-1f
Sec.	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow information about a person who is missing from an inpatient facility of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to be disseminated in order to assist in the location of such missing person.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]